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1. [] Met with Mr. Siegmund W. Smith, Administrative Assistant to Representative Lionel Van Deerlin (D., Calif.), and reviewed with him the correspondence from [] concerning her experience with the Civil Service Commission test center in San Diego, California. Mr. Smith appreciated our response and said that he would refer [] letter to the Commission for comment.

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2. [] OPPB, accompanied by [] met with Mr. Ralph Preston, House Appropriations Committee staff, and briefed him on the Agency manpower and dollar background of the Department of Defense reprogramming items presented yesterday by the Department of Defense Comptroller's office. See [] Memorandum for the Record.

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Mr. Preston mentioned in passing that he is still unable to schedule a visit to Headquarters for briefing by Drs. Steininger and Proctor. He will try later in the week to see what he can do for next week. He will, however, try to find time to meet with Mr. John Clarke, IC, for further discussion on the community budget. Mr. Clarke has been advised.

3. [] Met with Mr. Robert Lockhart, Assistant Counsel, House Post Office and Civil Service Committee, who told me that the Manpower Subcommittee cancelled last week and this week's meetings for consideration of the draft bill proposed by the Committee staff on Federal Executive Service (FES). The next meeting of the Manpower Subcommittee is scheduled for Thursday, 29 June. Mr. Lockhart noted that the FES bill reported by Senate Post Office and Civil Service Committee is poorly drafted and that the use of presidential authority to grant exemptions under the Act may well create more problems than it solves. Were the two bills to pass in their present form, Mr. Lockhart sees no question but that the House bill would be accepted in conference. The draft House bill has been closely coordinated with the Civil Service Commission and Mr. Seymour Berlin's office and although it does not contain everything that the Commission desires, the provisions set forth in the bill are acceptable to the Commission. Mr. Lockhart noted again that he had our Agency comments on the original bill in front of him at the time this bill was drafted. He eliminated those sections that we found objectionable in the earlier bill. I thanked Mr. Lockhart for his advice and told him I would be back in touch with him.

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